



UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 15-31, 2015

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events December 15-31, 2015

Men's Basketball

**Dec. 18 (Fri.), 8 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @
Hubbell Gym**

Dec. 20 (Sun.), 3 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

**Dec. 30 (Weds.), 7 p.m., Stonehill @ Hubbell
Gym**

Women's Basketball

**Dec. 16 (Weds.), 6 p.m., Holy Family @
Hubbell Gym**

**Dec. 18 (Fri.), 6 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @
Hubbell Gym**

Dec. 30 (Sun.), 1 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

2016 UB HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On the following dates, University offices will be closed, and no classes will be held:

Friday, January 1, 2016: New Year's Day

Monday, January 18, 2016: Martin Luther King
Day

Monday, May 30, 2016: Memorial Day

Monday, July 4, 2016: Independence Day

Monday, September 5, 2016: Labor Day

Thursday, November 24, 2016: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25, 2016: Day after
Thanksgiving

Friday, December 23, 2016: In observance of
Christmas Eve Day

Monday, December 26, 2016: In observance of
Christmas Day

Please note that the academic schedule has been revised following a recommendation by the University Senate. **President's Day, February 15, 2016**, will be a normal class day, and offices will be open. **Monday, January 2, 2017**, will be a University holiday in observance of New Year's Day.

Good News!

UB's Model United Nations Team, this year celebrating its tenth anniversary, has won the highest awards in the November 22-28 session held in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Student delegates, *Simon Alejandro Arias*, *Khrystian Pereira*, *Bianca Diaz*, and *Youssef Agiez*, submitted position papers on several topics and participated in the model General Assembly Plenary and UNESCO sessions. UB's 2015 team won the Outstanding Delegate Award, the Outstanding Position Paper Award, and the Outstanding Delegation Award. In a surprise, they received the Good Citizenship Award based on their additional service and volunteering at the event. The team is advised by *Steve Hess*, professor of political science at CPIA.

The 2015 Model UN Europe Conference attracted 52 student teams representing 30 universities from 8 countries – Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, the Philippines, Slovakia, and the United States.

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UB Professor Emeritus *Richard "Dick" Allen*, the former Poet Laureate of Connecticut, read from his work on "Prairie Home Companion," hosted by Garrison Keillor, on November 21.

"If You Visit Our Country" and "Sleepy Old Towns" were read from the Palace Theater in Waterbury and broadcast live over approximately 700 public radio stations, American Forces Networks, Sirius XM Radio, Radio New Zealand, and KPRG in Guam.

Prof. Allen's eighth book of poetry, "The Zen Master Poems," will be published this summer by Wisdom, Inc.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Jess Laszlo, Flo Gamby, Julia Weidenmark, and Jennifer Wendelius were named to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) All-East Region Women's Soccer First Team on November 30. Midfielder *Nicola Worthington* was named to the CCA All-East Second Team.

Nicola Worthington and *Julia Weidenmark* were named on December 7 to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) First All-America Team and Second All-America Team, respectively.

Luka Ivanovic, forward, was placed on the CCA All-East Men's Soccer Second Team.

Katarina Krstonosic was named 2015 Conference Commissioner's Association (CCA) East Region Player of the Year on December 2, headlining the 2015 NCAA Division II CCA All-East Region Volleyball Team. *Sarah Rosa* and *Frida Randen* were selected for the CCA All-East Region Second Team.

Fones New Appointments

Deirdre M. Cloonan has been appointed Assistant Professor, effective January 11, 2016. She is the 2015-16 president of the Connecticut Dental Hygienists' Association.

Susan Miklos, has been appointed Clinical Assistant Professor beginning January 11, 2016. She is past president of the Connecticut Dental Hygienists' Association and was recently elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Young Soo Lee, associate professor in the Department of Dental Hygiene, Sun Moon University, Korea, has been invited as a Visiting Scholar at Fones from January 20, 2016, through January 20, 2017. Dr. Lee will conduct collaborative research on public oral health, among other activities.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

David W. Kraft, professor of mathematics and physics, presented a paper entitled "A Framework for the Energy Spectrum of Primary Cosmic Rays," at the fall 2015 meeting of the American Physical Society, New England Section, in Hanover, NH. Prof. Kraft serves on the Executive Committee of the New England Section.

Frank Martignetti, lecturer in music and director of UB's choral programs, has been announced as a finalist for The American Prize in the national competition's Choral Conducting Division. He is in the running because of his work with the Mystic River Chorale, an auditioned community choir he has led since 2008.

E. Kyle Minor, adjunct professor of English and theater, presented a staged reading of his new play, "The Search," on December 14 at Theater for a New City, in Manhattan.

ATHLETICS

Magnus Nilerud, head coach, women's soccer, was named, for the second time in his career, 2015 East Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, having led the Purple Knights to a 22-2-1 record this year.

ENGINEERING

Lawrence Hmurcik, professor of electrical engineering, and *Irv Ojalvo*, former chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, testified in court for a man who accidentally cut off 3 fingers using a table saw. The saw came with an electronic module that detects blood and turns off the saw before serious harm is done. Ojalvo-Hmurcik found that the module worked properly when the saw cut small boards but took too long to turn off when cutting a large board. The injured man won his claim.

FONES SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE

Marcia Lorentzen, dean, was quoted in the New York Times Science Section on December 8, which dealt with polishing of teeth during routine cleaning. Dr. Lorentzen explained that while polishing was not needed except to remove stains, it caused no significant harm.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.